

State Representative ALMA WHEELER SMITH D-54th Representative District



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Committees: Appropriations (Subcommittees: Community Health (Minority Vice Chair); Corrections

(Minority Vice Chair)); Legislative Retirement Board of Trustees

Biography: Democrat, of Salem Township; born in 1941, at Columbia, South Carolina; graduate, St. Thomas High School (now Gabriel Richard) in Ann Arbor, 1959; B.A., journalism and advanced degree course work in journalism and business administration, University of Michigan; resident of Washtenaw County since 1943; resident of Salem Township, 1978-present; children: Conan, Dana and Tara; member, South Lyon Community School Board, June 1984 - December 1992; commissioner, Washtenaw County, 1993-1994; charter member, Ann Arbor Cable Casting Commission, 1972-1978;

legislative coordinator for Senator Lana Pollack, 1987-1994; authored laws regulating personal protection orders between juveniles and their parents or guardians and laws and a constitutional amendment which brought the Michigan Compiled Laws into conformity with federal "disability" terminology; member, Library of Michigan Board of Trustees, Legislative Black Caucus, Legislative Arts Caucus, NCSL Committee on Education and NCSL Issues Committee on Children, Families and Health; Vice Chair, Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee; elected to the State Senate, 1994, 1998; elected to the House of Representatives, 2004.



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